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- Sassnitz: About 1,000 women have been brought from Saxony to work in the fishery. They are housed in primitive barracks nearby.
- The large fishing luggers, Geschwister Scholler, Earl lbrz, and others stationed in Sassnitz are said to fish for tuna in the North Sec. 2. They sell their catch in Restock and also deliver ships gear and transit goods there. According to local fishermon, great losses were incurred by the luggers on their first trips as the nets were damaged.
- Soviet Havy: З.
- 20 :Inesweepers (Ilnensuchboote): about ten are stationed in Sassnitz. They are old vessels and in poor condition with their skin plating buckled and the ribs showing. They perform minesweeping and mine laying exercises every day in the sea before Sassnitz. Discipline on board is not very rigid. The crews are lax in their dress.
- bo Il-Boats: Three former German oil-coal burners. Poravanes were observed on board. among them one extremely long one of about four meters with a kind of control different from that of the German type. These vessels are armed with three twin-barrelled AA guns of a calibre smaller than 8 8 mm. These three vessels and the Sassnitz luggers of the Karl Liebknecht class emercise under the direction of a vessel similar to the German fleet tender Hela. This leadship sometimes goes full speed to a position about 1,000 meters in front of the group and then travels by great ares back to its lead position. The group was observed near the Creifswalder Oie, on a course toward Swiremuende.
- Destroyer: One former German vessel without visible armament. Has 20 been encountered several times going full speed between Sassnitz and Swinemuende. Has also been seen at anchor off the coast of Ruegen.

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- d. Hirosvoopers (R-Boote): There are two former German Himesvoopers and one with a triped mast. A barrel-shaped gear has been observed in its musthead. It is probably a radar apparatus.
- 8-Doats (Cohnell Boote): Two with tripod masts about 65 feet tall.
 Torpedo tubes on each side. A longish cylinder has been attached to each of these tubes, probably for compressed air. His were visible on decks and the comming towers were ammored. These boots were seen in Casanitz harbor on Christmas Eve 1950 and remained only a couple of hours. The crews were dressed in now fur-lined suits and made a disciplined impression.
- f. Outrarines: Two double-hulled submarines of about four or five hundred tons and with the radio Circotion finder located in from of the remarkably high tower, were seen in lacental Harbor for three hours.

 The date is not given. They left on an easterly course.
- 4. Peenenuende and Moeslin: The rebuilding of the former German installations is confirmed. The area is said to "glisten with sircreft".
- 5. Tropper lik: The cut (5h° 11:30" H 13° 28:30" E) from the lik to the harbor (near Glove) is said to be in use. Several vessels without lights have been seen entering the cut.
- 6. <u>Miscellaneous: Leveral different kinds of destroyers have been seen out the Cderbank.</u> Lest Cernan fishersen are observed by Soviet aircraft.

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